

**Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Growler and other  
Lions Activities**

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Normally we provide you with a two month Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Growler and we did provide an March/April Growler but in March the COVID-19 corona virus came upon us as a worldwide Pandemic. We had our normal ICARE Committee SPOT Vision Screening at local children centers, our Sunday Farmers Market on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, including our Club Board meeting on Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> at Little House.

Then after a normal beginning in March our first challenge was the Menlo Park City Council action to declare a Local Emergency on March 11<sup>th</sup> “Stay at Home” ORDER. Then the San Mateo County Health Officer issued a Countywide “Stay at Home” ORDER on March 16th. This was followed by a Statewide Stay at Home ORDER by Governor Newsom for the State of California on March 19th. These three ORDERS have been extended through 11:59 pm May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

As a result of the three ORDERS our Club ICARE Committee Vision screening at the beginning of March was completed and not affected, our Club Board meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> was not affected nor our Club’s Sunday Farmers Markets on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Our Sunday Farmers Markets beginning March 15<sup>th</sup>, our April ICARE Committee Vision Screening and our April 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting have all been affected.

Club ICARE Committee Vision Screenings Committee Co-Chair Tina Morris reported the March SPOT Vision Screenings at the CDC School were 234 screenings and 28 referrals. Due to the COVID-19 ORDERS there will be no more SPOT Vision screenings through the remainder of the current school year through June is CANCELLED. The Committee Co-Chairs will advise when and under what conditions the Committee will meet next. At present in person meetings cannot be held until after the current ORDERS expire or after the ORDERS that are extended expire. Co-Chair Bobbie McDonald is hopeful that next fall the SPOT Vision screening will be able to restart.

Club Board Meeting Scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> is CANCELLED You have been sent an email or US Mail notification that our Club Board meeting scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> is CANCELLED. You have also received copies of the Club Board minutes of our March 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. As a result of the three COVID-19 ORDERS we

cannot meet and elect our Fiscal 2021 Club Officers (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) so Club President John Hickson has authorized an Email or US Mail balloting process for us to elect our Fiscal 2021 Club Officers with all Club members are requested to respond by Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. You have all received your ballots and some of you have already responded. We will notify you of the Club Officers election results.

Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market After Menlo Park approved their “Local Emergency” ORDER Stay at Home our next Club Sunday Farmers Market we were paid a visit by the Menlo Park City Manager and Menlo Park Mayor. Lori Hennings our Lions Club Farmers Market Manager was advised that we needed to space out and use more of the Public Parking Plaza so the spacing between booths was further apart, we needed to expand the width of the aisle down the middle of the Farmers Market, we needed to enforce the 6 foot spacing between shoppers and needed to control the number of shoppers going in and out of the Market. We also needed hand washing or sanitizing stations and signs on required 6-foot distance between shoppers.

Lori and Club President John Hickson were working with the City as to what actions we needed to take. The reason why our Lions Club could operate under the COVID-19 ORDERS was that Farmers Markets were designated as “Essential Businesses” under the ORDERS of the County of San Mateo and State of California. The City helped us with signage, orange cones and other items to comply with City requirements. The City Police Department was tasked to observe our Farmers Market during the open to public hours and if we were not in compliance they could shut the Farmers Market down.

We have been considered in compliance and continue to operate under these special requirements. We also have a yellow CAUTION tape that is around the expanded Market and there is only one entrance and exit that we monitor. Those lining up to enter the Farmers Market must space 6 feet apart except a small Family group in the line to enter the Market. Some Farmers may pre bag some items or put the produce in bags so there is a minimum of touching of the produce by shoppers. A special thanks to Lori, John Karl including our vendors for their extra efforts to keep us in compliance with the new City requirements. We anticipate that the current ORDERS expiring at 11:59 pm on April 3<sup>rd</sup> may be extended.

Club Student Speakers Contest As you are aware Samantha Campbell from Design Tech High School was the Contest Winner for our Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Contest. Samantha went on and was the Region 5 Zone 1 Contest Winner, held on March 8<sup>th</sup> led by Zone Chair Venetia Young. The next competition is the Region 5 Student Speaker Contest and that is currently postponed due to the COVID-19 ORDERS. The topic as a reminder is “Homelessness in California; What is the Solution?” We will advise if and when the District Student Speaker program moves ahead or not.

**55<sup>th</sup> Annual Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs (PCL) Police and Firefighters Awards**  
The March 27<sup>th</sup> Police and Firefighters Awards banquet has been postponed to Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> due to the COVID-19 ORDERS.

**District 4-C4 Annual Convention in Redding, May 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> CANCELLED** District Governor Helen Casaclang has CANCELLED the District Convention for this year due to the COVID-19 virus. The District will be sending paper ballots to each Lions Club based on membership totals indicating how many delegates the Club has assigned. With 47 Club members we anticipate we will have 5 Delegates. We will provide the names and mailing addresses our Delegates when requested.

There are five items on the Sample Ballot. For District Governor Fanny Chu, for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Dr. Augusto “Jun” Valera, Jr. M.D., and for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor John Hui. There are two additional ballot measures the location of the 2022 – 2023 District 4-C4 Convention Hotel the Red Lion Hotel in Redding or the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia. The last ballot item shall “Global Initiative for Health and Wellness Charities Foundation, Inc” become a District 4-C4 Endorsed Project? If approved, NO financial requirements or obligations from District 4-C4 or District 4-C4 clubs shall be required.

**SPECIAL NOTE**

We will be providing a new Club Growler for May and/or June when we know if the COVID-19 corona virus ORDERS are being extended beyond May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope you and your family stay safe!

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**Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Important Dates  
to Remember**

**NOTE: Sunday Farmers Market Hours are 9 am – 1 pm**

<b>Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy Operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 ORDERS</b>
<b>Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy Operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 ORDERS</b>
<b>Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> (Monday)</b>	<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Board meeting CANCELLED due to COVID-19 ORDERS</b>

<b>Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy Operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 ORDERS</b>
<b>Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy Operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business under COVID-19 ORDERS</b>
<b>May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy Operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 ORDERS</b>

### **Lions Objectives**

**To create and foster a sprit of understanding among the peoples of the world.**

**To promote the principle of good government and good citizenship.**

**To promote an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.**

**To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however that partisan politics and secretarian religion shall not be debated by club members.**

**To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors**

### **Lions Code of Ethics**

**To show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.**

**To seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.**

**To remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.**

**Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubts against myself.**

**To hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one another, but that true friend demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.**

**Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, as to give them my unswerving loyalty in work, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.**

**To aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak and my substance to the needy.**

**To be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.**